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In response to the December 15, 2008 final Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 11-28 are pending in the application, with claims 11, 14 and 23 being independent.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claim 11 covers a method for endoscopic application of self-closing medical clips comprising the steps of placing a distal end of a catheter tube 1 in a body of a living being to be treated, arranging at least one self-closing clip 3 with relatively movable legs 5 in the catheter tube adjacent the distal end by an operator located on a proximal end of the catheter tube,